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JOHN F. CORCORAN CLEREN

IN THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE MARCH 2005 SESSION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v. :

CRIMINAL NO. 3:050L00010

: VIOLATIONS:

TONY LEE EPPERSON,

: Title 18, United States

Defendant: : Code, Section 1001.

INDICTMENT

Count One

Provision of Material and False Information

The Grand Jury charges:

That between within or about April 2004 and continuing thereafter until on or about May 21, 2004, in the Western Judicial District of Virginia, and elsewhere, the defendant, TONY LEE EPPERSON, did knowingly and willfully, make materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent, statements or representations in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative, or judicial, branch of the Government of the United States, to wit, EPPERSON provided material and false information to the task-force investigating the murder of Michael Wayne Short and Mary Hall Short, and the kidnaping and murder of Jennifer Renee Short, a

crime in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1201, about this kidnapping and triple homicide.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

A TRUE BILL, this Z day of March, 2005.

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JOHN L. BROWNLEE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY